

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing travel information, the method comprising:
displaying travel information on a display of a digital camera.
2. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising storing said travel information in a memory device of said digital camera, and retrieving said travel information from said memory device prior to displaying said information.
3. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising downloading said travel information from a dedicated portal.
4. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising updating said travel information from a dedicated portal.
5. The method according to claim 3 and further comprising storing said travel information in a memory device of said digital camera.
6. The method according to claim 3 wherein the downloading is performed selectively by selecting a particular portion of travel information. 15
7. The method according to claim 3 wherein the downloading is performed automatically from said dedicated portal via a modem connected to said digital camera.
8. The method according to claim 3 wherein information is transferred between said dedicated portal and said digital camera by means of a Media Application Protocol (MAP). 20
9. The method according to claim 3 wherein said dedicated portal is accessible through the Internet.
10. The method according to claim 9 wherein information is transferred between said dedicated portal and the Internet by means of a MAP. 25
11. The method according to claim 3 wherein said dedicated portal comprises a central processing unit.
12. The method according to claim 3 wherein said dedicated portal comprises a portable recording medium.

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13. The method according to claim 3 wherein said dedicated portal comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).
14. The method according to claim 3 wherein said dedicated portal comprises a kiosk that stores therein said travel information, and which is communicable with said digital camera. 5
15. The method according to claim 14 wherein said digital camera communicates with said kiosk by means of wireless transceivers.
16. The method according to claim 3 wherein said digital camera accesses said dedicated portal by a mobile communications device.
17. The method according to claim 16 wherein said mobile communications device is in communication with a positioning system that provides positional and geographical information.
18. The method according to claim 17 and further comprising determining a geographical position of a user, and providing travel information for that particular position to said digital camera. 15
19. The method according to claim 1 wherein said travel information comprises at least one of maps, travel distances and transit times, entertainment information, travel fare information, vendor messages, travel communication information, current location of a system user, traffic information, digital photographs of tourist sites, recommended travel routes, recommended 20 local attractions, recommended tourist sites, recommended restaurants, weather forecast, and audio travel explanations.
20. The method according to claim 1 and further comprising taking a photograph with said digital camera.
21. The method according to claim 20 and further comprising storing 25 said photograph in a memory device.
22. The method according to claim 21 wherein said memory device comprises a memory device of said digital camera.
23. The method according to claim 21 wherein said memory device comprises a memory device external of said digital camera. 30

24. The method according to claim 20 and further comprising transmitting said photograph to a communications portal.
25. The method according to claim 24 wherein said communications portal is accessible through the Internet.
26. The method according to claim 20 and further comprising transmitting said photograph to an electronic picture frame device.
27. The method according to claim 1 wherein said digital camera comprises a touch screen and the method further comprises touching said touch screen to perform an action.
28. The method according to claim 1 wherein touching said touch screen performs an action related to foreign currency exchange information.
29. The method according to claim 1 wherein touching said touch screen performs an action related to foreign language information.
30. A method for providing information, the method comprising:
storing information in a memory device of a digital camera, and retrieving said information from said memory device prior to displaying said information.
31. The method according to claim 30 and further comprising downloading said information to said memory device of said digital camera from a dedicated portal.
32. Apparatus for providing information comprising: 20
a dedicated portal comprising information; and
a digital camera in communication with said dedicated portal, said digital camera comprising a display and a memory device, said information being storable in and retrievable from said memory device.
33. Apparatus according to claim 32 and further comprising a modem in communication with said digital camera and said dedicated portal.
34. Apparatus according to claim 32 wherein said information comprises at least one of maps, travel distances and transit times, entertainment information, travel fare information, vendor messages, travel communication information, current location of a system user, traffic information, digital photographs of

tourist sites, recommended travel routes, recommended local attractions, recommended tourist sites, recommended restaurants, weather forecast, and audio travel explanations.

35. Apparatus according to claim 32 and further comprising an electronic picture frame device in communication with said digital camera. 5

36. Apparatus according to claim 32 wherein said digital camera further comprises a touch screen.

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